

NATIONAL

Q and A session of Press Conference for repatriation readiness in Rakhine State

PAGE-2

NATIONAL

Dr. Win Myat Aye inspects readiness for repatriation process in Maungdaw

PAGE-7

THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Vol. V, No. 210, 5th Waxing of Tazaungmone 1380 ME

www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

Monday, 12 November 2018

Gov't affirms readiness to repatriate displaced people from Rakhine State

THE Committee on Repatriation and Resettlement of Displaced People from Rakhine State has expressed its readiness to allow the return of people displaced from Rakhine, at a rate of 150 people per day.

"We are ready to receive displaced people back at the rate of 150 people per day. As we have made arrangements to accept people coming by road or waterways, we can accept up to 300 persons every day," said Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement, Dr. Win Myat Aye, at a press conference in Yangon yesterday. He is also the chairman of the Committee on Repatriation and Resettlement of Displaced People from Rakhine State.

In keeping with agreements reached with Bangladesh, the Myanmar government has been making efforts for repatriating displaced people by completing reception centers by 23 January, 2018. It has kept things in readiness for repatriation since then.

"We have worked out the repatriation process in accordance with the bilateral agreement. We are working to repatriate displaced people now, in accordance with that agreement," said the Union Minister.

He said that at a recent bilateral meeting in Bangladesh, Dhaka agreed to send the first batch of 2,260 people to Myanmar in mid-November.



(From L to R) Director-General U Zaw Htay, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Thu, Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye, Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, Permanent Secretary U Myint Thu and Director-General U Htay Hlaing are seen at the press conference on repatriation of returnees. **PHOTO: MNA**

We have to be ready on our side. We have made strenuous efforts over several months to reach this development today.

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye

"We held the press conference today to tell you that Bangladesh will be sending people back through waterways to the Nga Khu Ya Reception Centre," he said.

"We have to be ready on our side. We have made strenuous efforts over several months to reach this development today," said the Union Minister.

Divided into five groups, the officials are ready to carry out the scrutinizing process, and the processes for the application of citizenship will also be facilitated in accordance with existing laws, said the Union Minister. Returnees are free to move everywhere in Maungatw Township, if they hold a National Verification Card.

SEE PAGE-2

INSIDE TODAY



NATIONAL
Union Minister invites suggestions from young generation
PAGE-7



NATIONAL
Hindus celebrate Deepavali Festival in Yangon
PAGE-4



BUSINESS
New Yangon dry port to transport cargo to Myitnge port on Sundays
PAGE-5

Gov't affirms readiness to repatriate displaced ...

FROM PAGE-1

Officials said Sunday that returnees can receive an ID, called the National Verification Card, that will allow them to travel anywhere in the Maungdaw area of Rakhine State. They can then begin to apply for citizenship.

Arrangements are under way to provide clothes to returnees arriving at the camps. The Ministry of Health and Sports is ready with preventive measures against the spread of infectious diseases and other health measures.

"Returnees will be allowed to stay at each camp for two days and a night. Arrangements have been made for their food and accommodation," the minister said.

The government is making arrangements to provide a month's ration of food to returnees at the Hla Phoe Khaung Camp, where they will arrive via the reception camp, he said.

"Myanmar's reception program includes playgrounds for children, women's care centres, cash for expecting mothers, programs on hygiene and family planning, talks on health education and ensuring a pleasant family life," the minister said.

"There will also be monthly cash provision programs, vaccination programs, ambulances for emergency cases, and mo-



Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye. PHOTO: MNA

bile clinics for people aged 85 and above. Teachers have also been assigned at a temporary school at the Hla Phoe Khaung Camp," he said.

"While staying at Hla Phoe Khaung Camp, persons holding NVCs will be allowed to move freely in Maungdaw area. Their stated addresses will be scrutinized, and if found correct, they will be allowed to return to them," he added.

"Houses are being built for

the homeless. Returnees with no homes will be settled in temporary residences located in areas nearest to their original homes. They will be allowed to participate in rebuilding their homes, and they will be paid for their labour. If they choose the government program, they will be allowed to stay at Hla Phoe Khaung Camp till their homes are completed," the minister said.

"While staying at Hla Phoe Khaung Camp, they will be pro-

vided with one-month's provision of food and fuel. They will also get Ks1,000 per day per person to buy vegetables, fish, and meat," he said.

"Arrangements have been made for merchants of Maungdaw area to open shops at the camp. Tube-wells have been installed to provide clean water," he added. "If necessary, three fire engines are being kept ready to provide extra water. These arrangements are being made to ensure security and stability," the minister said.

"Long-term plans have been formulated to ensure social harmony in the regions. Measures have been taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents. Myanmar is ready for verification and reception," the Union Minister said.

Afterwards, the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, U Myint Thu, explained bilateral negotiations between the two countries for the reception of returnees from Bangladesh, and meetings with returnees staying in Bangladesh.

U Myint Thu said the third working group meeting on repatriation was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 30 October. Views on reception programs were exchanged at the meeting, and formation of basic level groups for reception and resettlement

was agreed upon. The countries also discussed holding of basic level and joint negotiations for the smooth running of the reception programs.

"The joint working group visited camps at Cox Bazar where returnees were staying and met with about 100 representatives. They also met with representatives of the Hindu community. According to them, there are 438 members of Hindu families, and they want to return to Myanmar as soon as possible. Arrangements are under way for the return of the Hindu families. The group also visited two other camps where returnees were staying, and explained the reception programs in detail," he said.

"The group explained to them the arrangements made by Myanmar with documentary aids, and UEHRD's health, education, social, security and socio-economic programs. The group urged the people to come back of their own volition and to fill the verification form. They also explained the salient features of the NVC," he added.

Later, officials answered queries raised by the media on the reception program.

More than 70 mediapersons from 32 local and foreign news agencies attended the press conference. — MNA ■ (Translated by AMS and TMT)

Q and A session of Press Conference in Yangon for repatriation readiness in Rakhine State

A PRESS conference on the repatriation of returnees was held where officials replied to questions from local and foreign journalists regarding the process.

Among the questions asked by journalists included questions asking whether the 2,260 returnees are really returning on 15 November since there have been cases like these where returnees were going to come but they didn't; authorities response to remarks from international organizations and human rights groups that say Myanmar is not ready to accept returnees and that there is no security yet; to what degree have you prepared for the IDP/returnees' safety; and how many

houses and villages have been prepared.

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye replied to the questions. He said the most recent meeting they conducted in Bangladesh came out with the result that the IDPs/returnees would start returning in mid-November. They also sent a list containing the number of returnees coming back, from which officials were able to see which villages are included in the list, he said. He said Myanmar's side requested sending about a hundred to forty-fifty people from the same area to be repatriated first. The Bangladesh side replied that they will send back returnees on 15 November. Whether they sent

them or not depends on them. We are ready to accept them from our side, he said.

mendations from Kofi Annan's commission. He said they have already known about the 42

Displaced people's return depends on Bangladesh, Myanmar is ready to accept them.

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye

Security, Kofi Annan recommendations emphasized

Concerning the question on security, the Union Minister said they have done everything required of them to do. He said they are implementing the necessary processes concerning sustainability, security, pre-planning, and the recom-

villages the returnees will be returning to and they plan to resettle the returnees exactly in those areas.

The Union Minister said their processes are clear because they have done what they need to do with honesty. He added that since Myanmar is an ASEAN member country, it has received cooperation

from other member countries too. There has also been international aid offered to them, he said. He said there is trust from the international community which has led to gaining support from them. He added this can be seen as both encouraging and the beginning of accomplishments.

First batch of returnees coming through Nga Khu Ya center

Permanent Secretary U Myint Thu said the Home Affairs Minister held a meeting in Yangon in February this year. It was at that meeting the list for 8,032 was received and 5,000 of those people were carefully reviewed, he said.

SEE PAGE-3



Deputy Minister U Soe Aung



Director-General U Htay Hlaing



Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Thu



Director-General U Zaw Htay



Permanent Secretary U Min Thu

Displaced people are eager to come back to Myanmar: Permanent Secretary U Myint Thu

FROM PAGE-2

He said Myanmar had sent back the scrutinized list of the 5,000 people and from those numbers, 2,260 people will be accepted as the first large batch of returnees through Nga Khu Ya Reception Centre in November.

He said the second batch of 2,095 returnees will be accepted through Taung Pyo Let Wae transit center. He said the special third force has been formed on the Bangladesh side and is led by the refugee commissioner based in Cox's Bazar.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Thu denied news of suspicious activity occurring along the border fence on the other side.

As regards Myanmar's response to the statement, saying that it is not ready yet, U Zaw Htay said the first point is that a committee was formed with the Union Minister. As the exact number of returnees cannot be known, 42 places were selected. Homes were built for resettlement of the returnees. An appropriate strength of security was stationed as the number of returnees is unknown. The 2260 returnees will be appropriately grouped and resettled at appropriate villages. Only then security measures can be taken. Then there will be health and education undertakings and care for women and children. Myanmar side is ready for all those measures. It will depend on the situation. The returnees have a plan to engage in their original occupation. There are persons who want the process to be a failure. NGOs are releasing negative statements, saying that those

people should not be sent back as the situation is not ready yet. But work has been done under the agreement between the two countries. Myanmar is doing its part and making arrangements to accept the returnees as soon as they come back. The State Counsellor has instructed to get ready for the reception at any time. The volume of requirements can be known only at the time the reception process really starts. So, work is being carried out step by step. Myanmar Government is trying to be ready for the matter.

A citizen cannot lose his citizenship. A person who has firm evidence of his citizenship will be granted citizenship.

Director-General
U Htay Hlaing

As regards the question on the length of time the process which will begin with the arrivals from sea will take, U Myint Thu said he had visited the Main village-tracts and met with representatives. He said he had explained in detailed the transit centre and matters relating to health and education with the help of required documents. They were distributed by the Ministry of Immigration and Population. The distribution process is still going on in Rakhine State. The

main aim is to distribute information in their language. Those were the documents they would surely understand.

Asked about cooperation with the UN for repatriation of returnees from the neighbouring country, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Myint Thu said that when the Myanmar delegation visited the Putapalong camp, the displaced people were eager to meet with them.

"And I also mentioned earlier that we met with the Hindu communities there. All in all, they have 438 Hindu communities currently residing on the Bangladesh side. They are also very eager to come back to Myanmar," said U Myint Thu.

"And for those who we met at the Putapalong camp, they also mentioned about their livelihood, education, health. So they are very much willing to come back," he added.

"We have a bilateral agreement with Bangladesh, Bangladesh will help to make sure that these people will come back voluntarily. And on our part, we have to receive them back with dignified manners. So we have to work together with Bangladesh," said U Myint Thu.

He also assured the journalist that UNDP, UNHCR would be helping Myanmar in three phases; repatriation, resettlement and reintegration, saying "it is all on the pipeline at this moment."

As regards the duration and daily reception rate, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye said it will

take 14 or 15 days at a reception rate of 150 persons per day. A reception list including over 20,000 persons was received. The process will continue without any interruption.

In response to the question on the permitted movement area for NVC holders and arrangements in case the NRC is destroyed by fire, Director-General of Immigration and Population Department U Htay Hlaing said he had records. A citizen cannot lose his citizenship. A person who has firm evidence of his citizenship will be granted citizenship. NVC allows free movement in a township. An appropriate application must be fill

for cross-township, districted or state movement. NVC will not mention or need to mention the word "Rohingya".

As regards the citizenship program for returnees, Director-General of the Office of the State Counsellor U Zaw Htay said citizenship will be granted in accord with the citizenship law. Although it was slow in the initial period, the process has been facilitated. After the township, district and state level processes have been completed, the case was sent to the Board of Ministers. The whole process will be facilitated. Arrangements are underway to grant all the NVC rights to NVC holders.

SEE PAGE-4



NHK



Reuters



BBC



AFP

If there any issue arises regarding to repatriation, we will resolve it through diplomatic channel: Permanent Secretary U Myint Thu

FROM PAGE-3

In connection with the work of gathering information, the Ministry of Information has made arrangements to provide the media with information as soon as the reception process starts. Information will also include scrutinization and reception methods.

As regards the fear of Buddhist Rakhines, the Union Minister has already explained the issue at the Hluttaw for three times. Each time there was a meeting with social organizations. There were meetings with leaders of grassroots in Nay Pyi Taw and CSO leaders, said U Zaw Htay.

Meetings were held frequently with party leaders. Moreover, the matter was also consulted with the Sayadaws. There were also informal meetings with political forces.

on resettlement programs. Especially, the possible consequences for the failure to handle the matter were explained.

Regarding the questions about the number of the returnees and resettlement, Permanent Secretary U Myint Thu said both sides has a mechanism calling 'joint working group' to resolve if there are any issues that arise between the two countries.

He continued to say that there are also the flag meetings at the working-level, the ground level while the border police forces of the two countries are also meeting on a regular basis and they are trying to resolve issues related to cross border issues.

"And at the foreign secretary level, we are communicating with Bangladesh. If there is any issues that arises regarding to repatriation we will resolve it through diplomatic channel," said the



Khit Thit Journal



7Day



VOA



Sankei Shimbun

Myanmar sent the list of 51 terrorists to Bangladesh and the neighbouring country is obliged to transfer back them to Myanmar in accordance with the law.

Director-General U Zaw Htay

Especially, groups from both sides are partaking in the Diversity Management conducted by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. There are many on-going processes. Informal discussions were held with leaders of Buddhist Rakhines and other ethnics including Mro, Thet, Khamee. Frank discussion were held with them

permanent secretary.

"And for the question on how many will come back, it will depend on the Bangladesh side because we will initially receive 8032. Out of 8032, these 2260 will be the first batch to come back. So it depends on the preparation on the Bangladesh side," he added.

"And on the last question on

how long will they stay, it depends on the information that we can receive from them. They have to provide their original village of residence; otherwise we cannot verify their original place. So that's why I explained to the people, the representatives at the Putapalong camp, to please provide detailed information of your village, your village-tract, your township, so that our immigration officer can easily verify," said Permanent Secretary U Myint Thu.

So at this moment we are planning to relocate them back to 42 village-tracts.

"We will receive the 8032 from the Bangladesh side and then the minister himself vis-

ited the camp and explained to them about the voluntary return. And I also explained to them about voluntary and dignified return. So we try our best and Bangladesh also need to promote awareness among the people at the camp. So it's the responsibility of both sides," said U Myint Thu.

Regarding the different number of returnees, U Soe Aung, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, said it is found that some names are repeatedly mentioned in the list sent back by Bangladesh to Myanmar. Rakhine State Government, Ministry of Immigration and Population and Ministry of Foreign Affairs

found the errors during the check, and that is why the total number of returnees reached 2,251.

Director-General U Zaw Htay said Myanmar sent the list of 51 terrorists to Bangladesh and the neighbouring country is obliged to transfer back them to Myanmar in accordance with the law, saying that that is a new procedure. Myanmar will act in accordance with the procedures if they are included in the returnees.

Director-General U Htay Hlaing said NVC will not state the words Rohingya and Bengali. Citizenship application will be under the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law. The law categorizes three types – citizen, foreigner registration certificate holder and citizenship granted persons. Returnees will be granted with the relevant types depending on the documents and evidence they hold.

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population has adopted a smartcard project for the people living in Myanmar. Each person will get a number that is supportive to all his personal affairs including health, education and social sectors and the e-government. The ministry is implementing citizenship system by using the smartcard system which would be supportive to an e-government. Director-General U Zaw Htay said the work will start in 2019. In the project, each person will have his own identity. It will not be folded. But it will state the name, date of birth, and ID No of the holder. As it will have no detailed facts, there cannot be any disputes.—MNA ■



Union Ministers Dr. Win Myat Aye and Thura U Aung Ko, and officials formally open the Deepavali festival outside the Yangon City Hall yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Hindus celebrate Deepavali Festival in Yangon

THE DEEPAVALI Celebration 2018 was held at Yangon City Hall yesterday evening. The ceremony was held by Embassy of India, Hindu people, Myanmar-India international business cooperation and Myanmar-India Commonwealth Association.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat

Aye, Deputy Ministers, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Ministers for the Yangon Region, Ambassadors from Foreign Embassies in Yangon, Chairpersons from respective associations and Hindu representatives.

During the ceremony, Union Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker and attendees opened the ceremony by cutting the ceremonial ribbon followed by lighting the oil lamps. This was

followed by welcoming speeches by the Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and Dr. Win Myat Aye.

Thereafter, Chairperson of the ceremony organizing committee U Zaw Zaw Naing expressed his thanks. Hindu traditional dances and Indian songs and dances were also performed at the ceremony.—Ye Htut ■

(Translated by
Kyaw Zin Lin)

New Yangon dry port to transport cargo to Myitnge port on Sundays

By May Thet Hnin

KM Terminal and Logistics Ltd launched a dry port in Ywathagyi Township in Yangon on 11 November to transport cargo to the Myitnge dry port in the Mandalay Region. The service will run once a week.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by U Thant Sin Maung, the Union Minister for Transport and Communications, deputy ministers and officials from the Yangon Region government, the Singaporean Ambassador, and businesspersons.

On the day of the launch, the 19th freight train was operated from the Yangon dry port to the Myitnge dry port. Freight trains were operated between the Myitnge dry port and the Warden jetty on a trial basis before the official launch of Yangon dry port.

The two dry ports were built at a cost of US\$55 million. The ports were constructed under a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) system, with Singapore-based Kerry Logistics Network Ltd., investing 70% investment and Myanmar-based Mother Logistics Co. Ltd., investing the remaining 30%. The Yangon dry port was built at a cost of \$40 million, while construction of the Myitnge dry port cost \$15 million.



Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung and officials inaugurate the dry port in Ywathagyi Township, Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: PHOE KHAWR**

“The two dry ports will help upgrade the operation of export/import trade, reduce travel time as they are both located in areas where traffic runs smoothly. Further, implementation of a computerized control system is expected to reduce transport changes,” said U Nyi Htut, the general manager of KM Terminal and Logistics Ltd.

The dry ports will cater for customs inspections and offer round-the-clock services. For export and import businesses, the ports will offer services such

as loading, discharge, and delivery as well as cargo storage, door-to-door. Additional services will cover clearing and maintenance of containers, IT tracking and tracing of cargo, and on-site weighing. Cargo insurance and import-export duty exemption for re-exported cargo will also be provided at the ports.

The ports will collect freight charges and taxes as per rates set by Myanmar Railways. Depending on the services offered, service fees will also be levied. The port operators will allow between 15

and 27 carriages to run between the two dry ports. One carriage can carry 33 tons of goods.

“We need at least 15 carriages of cargo to run the service. For the time being, the company will allow a freight train to run one round trip each week. The train will leave Ywathagyi dry port every Sunday. From next year, the train will run twice a week. Depending on the demand, freight trains are expected to operate daily in the future,” said U Nyi Htut.

The project is expected to

generate a profit in the next six years.

The dry ports have been constructed with the aim supporting freight traffic between upper and lower Myanmar. Freight trains are expected to run through the Myawady, Maesout, and Muse routes in the future. Myanmar also intends to create a trade network with neighbouring India, China, and Thailand. Preparations are under way to provide transit services between the countries.

The Yangon dry port has been constructed on 26 acres of land of the total 40 acres set aside for it in Ywathagyi Township. Based on the growth of business, the remaining 14 acres will be used for the project over the next six years. At the port launch yesterday, Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung said that the existing railway roads will be upgraded for freight transport. He urged called for increased cooperation between the government and private businesses to develop the transport services business.

At present, the Ministry of Transport and Communications is making a feasibility study in Monywa to develop a dry port in partnership with a Korean Company. ■ (Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Agro exports increase 12% this FY

THE export value of agricultural products in the current financial year topped US\$213 million, up by \$25.9 million, or 12 per cent, compared with the same period last year, according to a report from the Ministry of Commerce.

During the same period last year, the country sold \$187 million worth of agricultural commodities.

This year, there were no exports of agro products from the public sector between 1 October and 2 November. Only private companies continued to export to their international trade partners.

Myanmar exports a wide range of agro products, including rice, beans, and pulses; onion, garlic, ginger, and other kitchen crops; watermelons, mangoes, avocados, cucumbers, and other fruits and vegetables; and rubber and other raw materials.

During the first 33 days of this FY, the country exported \$41.9 million worth of animal products, \$82.3 million worth of



High quality mangoes are on display for sales at the market. **PHOTO: PHOE KHAWR**

marine products, \$102 million worth of minerals, \$18.6 million worth of forest products, over \$700 billion worth of manufactured goods, and other miscellaneous products valued at \$108.6 million.

While there was a decrease in the value of minerals and forest-based products, the export of remaining products increased by nearly \$262 million.—Shwe Khine ■ (Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Now Available

THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

သတင်းစာများကို လိုက်နာသူများတွင် ဝယ်ယူပေးနိုင်ပါသည်

- Market Place by City Mart (6.5 Mile)
- Market Place by City Mart (Damasidi Road)
- Market Place by City Mart (Junction City)
- City Mart (Yankin)
- City Mart (China Town)
- City Mart (Myay Ni Gone)
- City Mart (FMI)
- City Mart (Junction Square)
- City Mart (Junction Maw Tin)
- City Mart (Sule Square)
- City Mart (Star City - Thanlyin)
- City Mart (Waizayandar)
- City Mart (Hledan)
- City Mart (Myanmar Plaza)
- City Mart (Junction 8)
- City Mart (St. John)
- Ocean North Point (9 mile)
- Ocean Shwegoneline

BUY NOW **Ocean SUPERCENTER** **City Mart Supermarket** **marketplace by City Mart**

THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

DEPUTY CHIEF EDITORAye Min Soe
dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com**SENIOR EDITORIAL CONSULTANT**

Kyaw Myaing

SENIOR TRANSLATORSZaw Min
Zaw Htet Oo
Win Ko Ko Aung**INTERNATIONAL NEWS EDITOR**Ye Htut Tin,
editor1@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com**LOCAL NEWS EDITORS**Tun Tun Naing (Editor),
intlnews@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
Nwe Nwe Tun (Sub-editor),
nwenwe9131@gmail.com**TRANSLATORS**Khaing Thanda Lwin,
Hay Mar Tin Win,
Ei Myat Mon
Kyaw Zin Lin
Kyaw Zin Tun**REPORTER**May Thet Hnin,
reporter1@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
mayreporter.mm@gmail.com**PHOTOGRAPHER**

Kyaw Zeya Win @ Phoe Khwar

COMPUTER TEAMTun Zaw, Thein Ngwe,
Zaw Zaw Aung, Ye Naing Soe,
Hnin Pwint, Kay Khaing Win,
Sanda Hnin, Thein Htwe**EDITORIAL SECTION**(+95) (01) 8604529,
Fax – (+95) (01) 8604305**CIRCULATION & DISTRIBUTION**San Lwin, (+95) (01) 8604532,
Hotline - 09 974424114**ADVERTISING & MARKETING**(+95) (01) 8604530,
Hotline - 09 974424848
marketing@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
subscription@globalnewlightofmyanmar.comPrinted and published at the **Global New Light of Myanmar Printing Factory** at No.150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, by the **Global New Light of Myanmar Daily** under Printing Permit No. 00510 and Publishing Permit No. 00629.gnlmdaily@gmail.com
www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
www.facebook.com/TheGNLM

www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

Write for usWe appreciate your feedback and contributions. If you have any comments or would like to submit editorials, analyses or reports please email ce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with your name and title.

Due to limitation of space we are only able to publish "Letter to the Editor" that do not exceed 500 words. Should you submit a text longer than 500 words please be aware that your letter will be edited.

Sailors are taking part in the Myanmar international yachting event at Ngwesaung Beach yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

Myanmar hosts int'l yachting event

MYANMAR opened the U-15 Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship (OAOC) at Ngwesaung beach over 150 miles west of Yangon yesterday with the participation of over 130 sailors from 16 countries.

Host Myanmar also fielded an 18-member team – 10 boys and eight girls -- in the sailing

event whose goal includes the development of country's tourism industry and sailing sports.

After the team-wise introduction process, President of Myanmar Yachting Federation U Hpone Kyaw Moe Myint and Vice-Chair of International Optimist Dinghy Association gave speeches.

A public area is set up at Ngwe Saung Yacht Club and Resort for spectators of the six-day event from 11 to 16 November.

Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship is a yachting event recognized by International Optimist Dinghy Association.

Myanmar Yachting Federation hopes that the yachting event at a famous beach resort in Ayeyawady Region will arouse public interest in the sports, strengthen youth development programs and develop yachting infrastructure and facilities and tourism.—MNA ■
(Translated by TMT)

Yangon-Mandalay railroad upgrading project launched

THE first phase of Yangon-Mandalay railroad upgrading project covering a 166-mile session mostly lying in Bago Region south of Yangon was launched yesterday.

The four-year project will be implemented under Japanese ODA loan, and when completed travelling time between Yangon and Bago will take only an hour and between Bago and Mandalay, seven hours.

Seventy-two per cent of the 166-mile section is in Bago Region as it includes 46.25-mile Bago-Nyaunglaybin session and 73.25 Nyaunglaybin-Toungoo session totaling 119.5 miles.

At the launching ceremony held at Nyaunglaybin, Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein, Ambassador of Japan

Yangon-Mandalay railroad upgrading project launched in Bago Region yesterday. **PHOTO: HEIN HTET (IPRD)**

to Myanmar Mr Ichoro Maruyama and special envoy of Japan International Cooperation

Agency-JICA Mr Masayuki Karasawa gave speeches. Also present were MPs, officials

of Myanma Railways and the contractor company and local people.—Hein Htet (IPRD) ■

Cattle-laden lorry seized in Katha Township, Sagaing Region

POLICE seized a lorry transporting cattle illegally near Nyaungpingwin Village, Katha Township, Sagaing Region on 10 November and arrested two men.

Acting on a tip-off, police organized a search on the Mandalay-Bhamo road at 10 pm on 10 November and intercepted a 12-wheel lorry carrying 15 buffalos and eight cows.

The lorry's driver, Tun Win Naing, and another man, Win Ko, were arrested by the township police and charged for not having legal documents for exporting animals.

The cattle were while being transported to China, said Sub-Inspector Soe Thu Lwin.—Lu Aung (Katha) ■ (Translated by KTL)

Union Minister invites suggestions from young generation

UNION Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint invited suggestions and general thoughts from young people regarding a wide variety of reforms, during a meeting yesterday.

At his meeting with a new generation of youths involved in the political, legislative, economic, health and education sectors in Yangon, the Union Minister said, "Youths at this meeting may have many ideas for the country, as these youths include foreign-trained scholars involved in international organizations and business companies."

He also expressed his belief that the meeting would identify appropriate areas of cooperation and produce valuable opinions and views, as he encouraged free and open discussions from all participants.

Eleven youths from the political, legislative, economic, health and education sectors discussed a wide range of ideas, including the rights and difficulties of the ongoing democratic transition



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint inspecting the Yangon Film School yesterday. PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT

process, programs for health care, enacting proper legislative steps, and offering information about Myanmar through the distribution of films.

In response, the Union Minister called for ardent participation from youths with international knowledge in the political affairs of the country, as their

involvement would help in the nation's development, along with improving their own abilities.

Movie views

After taking part in the meeting held at the Motion Picture Development Sub-Department of Information and Public Relations Department, the Union Minister

delivered an address regarding the views of youths about film and the development of Myanmar's animation films for children, at the Myanmar Film Development Centre.

At a follow-up workshop, the speaker and three youths took part in discussions about international film schools and how

youths are portrayed in movies, and in the afternoon four youths who had finished a movie course at international schools joined in the roundtable talks. The speakers and officials also offered answers at the follow-up Q & A session.

Film school

Later, the Union Minister met trainees at the Yangon Film School (YFS), which is a Berlin-based non-profit organization founded by filmmaker Lindsey Merrison in 2005 with the aim of supporting and encouraging a burgeoning community of young media workers in Myanmar.

YFS regularly brings together experienced filmmakers from around the world, along with young Myanmar men and women, some of whom have little or no prior experience in media, for regular film trainings in Yangon, where they learn about all aspects of film making – from screenwriting to editing. —MNA ■ (Translated by TMT)

Dr. Win Myat Aye inspects readiness for repatriation process in Maungtaw

Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister and Chairman of the Committee on Repatriation and Resettlement of Displaced people inspected, the conditions of the arrangements being prepared for the Taungpyo Lat Wae, Nga Khu Ya, Hla Phoe Khaung reception centres in Maungtaw yesterday morning.

Upon arrival at the Taungpyo Lat Wae reception centre, deputy director and in-charge of the Reception Centres U Ye Htoo reported to the Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye and party on location of the repatriation, on-going office procedures, arrangements being made for the temporary settlement, providing healthcare services and drinking water, measurements for providing toilet facilities, carrying out to keep the reception centres clean and on-going process.

Then, Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye and party inspected the immigration counters at Taungpyo Lat Wae reception centre, where they inspected places of providing aid, healthcare services and temporary reception centres for the displaced people.

U Htay Maung, in-charge of the centre and deputy director, reported on the readiness for the



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye inspects repatriation processes in Maungtaw. PHOTO: MNA

repatriation process and facilitating measures to the Union Minister, following this, Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye fulfilled the requirement.

Next Union Minister and party went to the Nga Khu Ya reception centre and checked the places where immigration process will be carried out, places of providing assistance, healthcare services, temporary shelters and the completion of rural house designs for the returnees.

At the Hla Phoe Khaung reception centre, in-charge of the centre and director U Soe Shwe Aung clarified the data of the camp, supply storage, healthcare, drinking water, supplying elec-

tricity and sanitation measures for the returnees.

Union Minister and party continued to the Hla Phoe Khaung reception centre where they inspected the clinic, providing drinking water, temporary shelters, playgrounds for the children and teaching aids for the school children.

During the inspection tours, Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye met with in-charge-persons of the centres saying that they had already prepared to make it ready for the repatriation process and scrutinizing process would be conducted in accordance with rules and regulations. —MNA ■ (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

Myanmar consumer goods imports touch \$410 million

MYANMAR'S consumer goods imports rose by 12.5 per cent to touch US\$411.6 million during the first 33 days of the present fiscal year 2018-2019 compared with the same period last year, according to figures released by the Ministry of Commerce.

Between 27 October and 2 November this year, Myanmar imported consumer goods worth over \$110 million. The country also imported other goods worth \$1.2 billion, including capital goods worth \$546.5 million and semi-finished goods worth \$685.4 million, via land and sea.

During this period, the government imported commodities worth \$144 million, while private sector imports stood at nearly \$1.5 billion.

The country's total imports this FY rose by \$123 million, registering an eight-per-cent increase from \$1.5 billion in imports in the corresponding

period last year.

Myanmar's imports include luxury products, personal goods, construction materials, agricultural machinery, raw materials, household equipment, foodstuff, electronic devices, and other miscellaneous products, chiefly from neighbouring countries.

During the past mini-budget period between April and September this year, the country's import value hit \$9.8 billion, an increase of 8.1% compared with the same period last year. According to the ministry's monthly statistical report, the country's total imports reached a peak of \$18.7 billion in the last 2017-2018 FY. Myanmar's imports were valued at \$9 billion in the 2012-2013 FY, \$13.8 billion in the 2013-2014 FY, \$16.6 billion in the 2014-2015 FY, \$16.5 billion in the 2015-2016 FY, and \$17.2 billion in the 2016-2017 FY. —Swe Nyein ■ (Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Advertise with us/ Hot Line :
09974424848

Media must ensure accuracy, protect sentiment

REPATRIATION and resettlement are important responsibilities for committees working to resolve the Rakhine issue, which has continued for years and is related to Myanmar's politics and security.

The first group of over 2,260 displaced people are to be accepted back, 150 persons per day, beginning 15 November. We have been preparing to receive them since January 23.

Ten days ahead of the repatriation, the Daily Star newspaper published an article in which a spokesperson from the Bangladesh Border Guard Police claimed that shots were fired 17 times from a police outpost near the Myanmar-Bangladesh border and as a result, a fifteen-year-old cowherd named Narul Islam suffered injuries to his elbow.

At a time when Myanmar is getting ready to accept the returnees, such incorrect reporting has caused anxiety among communities, and harmed Myanmar's image and the performance of the country's leaders, who have been constructively and systematically working on the repatriation.

The credibility of the media is lost when it fails to seek the truth and ensure accuracy in reporting. Journalism is the only branch of information designed to help citizens in a democracy. We are particularly concerned that such actions may cause misunderstandings and delay in the repatriation of verified returnees to Myanmar, which is due to commence very soon. We strongly denounce the distorted report which deviated from international media ethics, and fanned a sensitive issue for the country. On the ground, the Myanmar Border Police have not received any complaint related to such an incident, nor have the Bangladesh side attempted to call a Flag Meeting

the following day to discuss the issue, which would have been the normal course of action to take.

At the date and time of the alleged incident, Myanmar and Bangladesh were conducting coordinated patrols along the Naf River to ensure border security and stability. There were no reports of a shooting lodged by Bangladesh officials engaged in the coordinated exercise.

Myanmar is conscious of the friendly relations between the two countries and will, in good faith, implement the bilateral agreement for the return of displaced persons from Rakhine, ensuring their safe, voluntary, and dignified return.

The media must take responsibility for incorrect and inaccurate information, and correct facts and figures as soon as possible.

Professional media and social media must avoid provoking any sensitive issues, which can derail friendship between countries and disrupt stability and peace.

Make Sure that Human Rights Comes No Harm Due to Frictions at Piecework Industries

By Yu Lwin Aung

DEVELOPED countries like Japan and Korea and Chinese Taipei, before reaching onto their path of economic development, started their businesses based on small sized industries which practiced Cut-Make-Pack (CMP) Piecework system. This is a form of work receiving only piecework pay by importing raw materials from abroad, carrying out labour-intensive task to manufacture finished goods and sending them back to end users. Similarly, Asian Tigers such as Thai, Malaysia and Singapore have run their businesses based on such system. Currently, such developing countries as Viet Nam, Cambodia and Bangladesh established CMP industries to reach on the path of industrialization. As developing countries can provide only man power out of 3 M (Man, Money and Material), CMP piecework industries which are labour-intensive tasks become the main industries to rely on. Another factor contributes much towards the progress of the developing countries is Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). There are many evidences that the more FDI comes, the bigger progress can be made in national development. Most of the FDI are received through CMP industries. When CMP industries started in China, FDI constituted 65 % in these industries.

For Myanmar, the developing countries, also development of CMP industries should be encouraged. In depth study of CMP including their current situation, the barriers they are facing, and their pros and cons will improve CMP and this will help increase the job opportunities for poor urbanites as well as earn foreign exchange for the nation with low investment. Another benefit is that CMP can produce skilled labourers who have not completed their education.

There were weaknesses of employers in the past in CMP industries such as no transparency in payment system, low wages in comparison with other industries, rudeness of some managements, and lack of direct relationship with employees by persons of holding main responsibilities but handing it over to the hands of less responsibilities. This led to frequent demonstrations. Although Trade Unions are allowed to be formed, some concepts of employees and their hardline attitude have created unreasonable demands leading to staging of several week-long demonstrations.

Such demonstrations caused harms to basic rights of the employees, and for the part of employer, there are a drop in productivity, loses and customer's misunderstanding. If the situation become worse, there may be no more orders thereby resulting in closing of the factories. Moreover, those who are not involved in the demonstration may be threatened by the demonstrators. It is a time to tackle these problems.

The Current Situation of CMP

Statistics show that garment industries are the main players in CMP. In 1994, there was only 25 garment factories in Yangon. The numbers reached 291 in 1999. In 2018, over 500,000 employees are working at 436 factories. To be exact, there are 299 factories with 100 per cent FDI constituting 68.58 %: 28 factories under Joint Venture constituting 6.42 % : and 109 factories with citizen's investment constituting 25 %.

Such factories with strong FDI and workforce which can provide many job opportunities are now facing closure as follows due to demonstrations resulting in drops in orders -

	Factories	Number of Employees	Closing Month
A	Chamzon Apparel Manufacturing Co.,Ltd	600	February
B	Diamond Rose Garment	150	April
C	Icregem International Co.Ltd	50	June
D	Seduno (Myanmar)	750	July
E	Good Fortune Garment	70	August

The table below shows that Myanmar workers' wages are very low in comparison with wages of other CMP garment factories workers in other countries -

Table (1)
Wages of International Garment Factory Workers

No.	Country	Wage Per Month (US\$)	Remark
1	USA	1864	
2	South Korea	1251	
3	Turkey	933	

4	Panama	705	
5	Honduras	650	
6	Thailand	632	
7	Malaysia	557	
8	Guatemala	539	
9	Egypt	538	
10	Peru	495	
11	El Salvador	413	
12	Tunisia	404	
13	Philippines	372	
14	Pakistan	320	
15	China	270	
16	India	255	
17	Viet Nam	248	
18	Indonesia	231	
19	Mexico	207	
20	Bangladesh	197	
21	Sri Lanka	194	
22	Myanmar	146	Estimate



Reasons Why Wages are Low in CMP Industries

In studying why wages are low in Myanmar's CMP industries, it is found out that the fees provided to domestic garment factory owners by customers abroad who make orders by providing raw materials are not related with domestic prices but based on the norms of international markets. According to geographical conditions, Myanmar has to import and export through ports of Singapore and Malaysia. According to this situation the consignors subtract the logistic fees from the fees of making garments. Thus, the garment factory entrepreneurs always get the amount lower than those of the neighbouring countries. The general expenditure including logistic fees, domestic supporting fees, domestic logistic fees and power and fuel fees are higher than China and other ASEAN countries. This can be found in the paper written by Researcher Mr Toshihiro Kudo of Japan Institute of Developing Economies - Location Advantages and Disadvantages in Myanmar: The Case of Garment Industry, May 2009.

As orders are in very low amount, Myanmar CMP entrepreneurs have to run their business with the available fees they receive. They can run their businesses thanks to the following countries who provide raw materials -

Countries Mainly Deal With Myanmar

Countries	2015	USD
Japan	33 %	582 million
EU	25 %	466 million
Korea	25 %	396 million
USA	2.4 %	41 million
China	2.4 %	41 million
Countries	2016	USD
EU	45 %	950 million
Japan	31 %	652 million
Korea	16 %	344 million
USA	2.4 %	45 million

China	2.4 %	45 million
-------	-------	------------

Source: MGMA

The table shows Japan topped the list of top five countries exporting raw materials and importing finished goods in 2015. But in 2016, EU occupied the largest share of the markets. The export value of CMP Garment Factories increased as follows:

No.	Fiscal Year	Export Value (USD in million)
1	2015-2016	850
2	2016-2017	2000
3	2017-2018	2500
4	2018 April to September (Six months)	2200

Source: MGMA

Note: According to the nature of CMP garment industries, the exchange rate of raw materials exported from a country which makes orders is not paid in our country and the export values are not really come into our country but just very few amount of fees.

As it takes more time to export materials to Myanmar from Korea, Shanghai, Chinese, Taiwan and Hong Kong than the same industries to Viet Nam and Cambodia. Although the consignee does not wish to make orders they do so as the wages are low. The table under shows comparison of duration of exporting materials to Myanmar and other countries.

No.	From	To Myanmar	To Cambodia	To Viet Nam
1	Korea	17	11	9
2	Shanghai	15	9	7
3	Taiwan	13	7	5
4	Hong Kong	12	6	4

Clarification: According to the Belt and Road Policy practiced by China, if goods are to be imported through inland route, it can be carried out within seven days and 10 days in maximum. Therefore, it is hoped that the duration problems can be solved soon. The price of shipping goods through inland route is higher than that of by sea route, it is lower than the air route. If we can ship goods through rail route as agreed recently for Economic Corridor; it is sure that we can overcome these difficulties.

It is the tradition of consignees that only they will make an order if they get the finished goods within 90 days after they have started making orders. From the start of the process of Letter of Credit to the production period, it takes 30 to 45 days. The shipment of materials takes 18 to 24 days based on the distance. The clearance at the port takes 3 to 7 days. And it takes 14 to 45 days to manufacture goods. In exporting these goods, it takes 26 to 30 days to Europe; and 18 to 21 days to Japan.

The following tables show the time from getting orders to the time of export to Europe and Japan markets.

Table (2)

Duration from Getting Order to Arriving of Goods

No.	Process	To Europe Market		To Japan Market	
		From	To	From	To
1	Ordering Raw material	30	45	30	45
2	Shipment time	18	24	18	24
3	Clearance at Ports	3	7	3	7
4	Production time	14	45	14	45
5	Exporting time	26	30	18	21
Total		91	151	83	142

The above-mentioned table shows that it is beyond our ability concerning the distance. So we should put our focus on not to take too much time at our ports and to shorten the production time. If it will take too much time at the port, the production time will be shortened. At such a time, overtime works are to be loaded on workers and there may work-site problems. Moreover, goods are to be manufactured in a rush, the quality may be low. This will really cause customer's disappointment leading to factory closure.

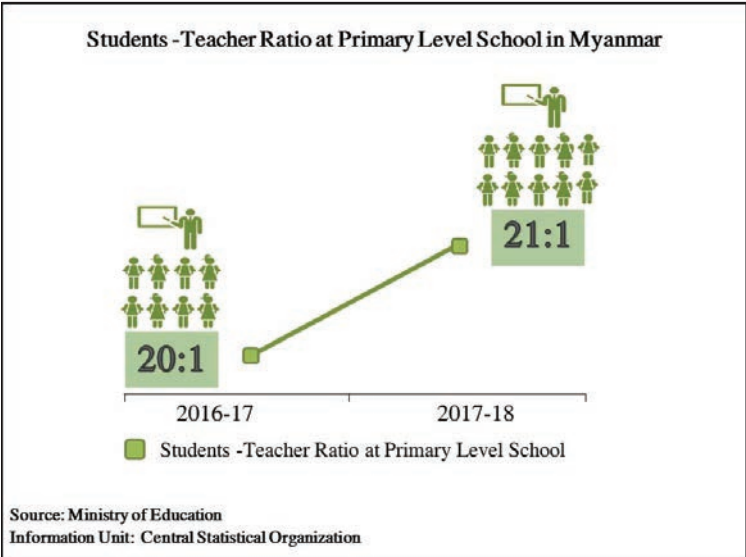
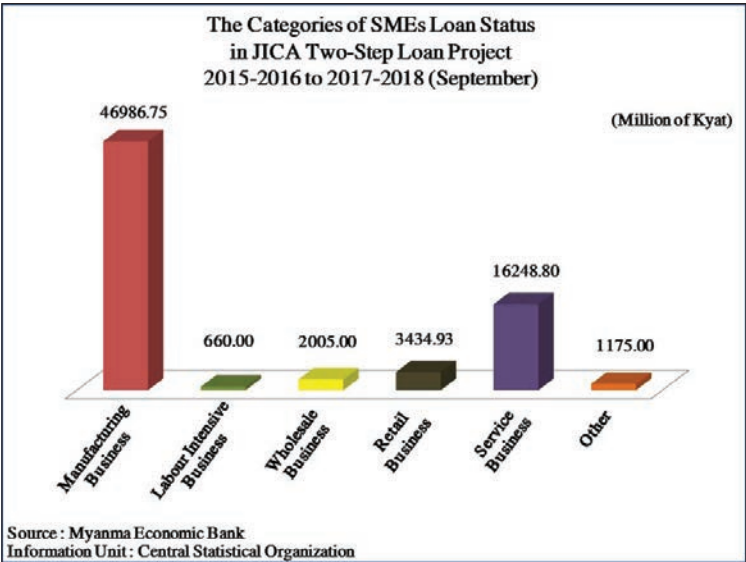
(To be continued)

(Translated by Wallace) ■



33rd MEETING OF ASEAN COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND INFORMATION
asean coci
12 - 16 NOVEMBER 2018
NAY PYI TAW, MYANMAR.

(၅၃)ဗြိတိန်ဘာသာစုံတော်နှင့် ဗြိတိန်ဘာသာစုံတော် (ASEAN COCI) စာတည်းအဖွဲ့
နေပြည်တော်ရှိ Royal Naypyitaw ဟိုတယ်တွင်
(၁၂-၁၁-၂၀၁၈ မှ ၁၆-၁၁-၂၀၁၈) ရက်နေ့အထိ ကျင်းပသွားပါမည်။



Cyclonic Storm

According to the observations at (13:30)hrs M.S.T yesterday, the Cyclonic Storm (Gaja) over the East Central Bay and adjoining West Central Bay and South East Bay of Bengal has moved West-Northwest ward. It is centered at about (250)miles Northwest of Portblair, about (500)miles East of Chennai (India) and about (260)miles West-Southwest of Coco Island (Myanmar).

It is not moving towards Myanmar coasts, the present stage of the Cyclonic Storm is coded yellow stage.

Position of Cyclonic Storm, center pressure and wind

Cyclonic Storm is located at Latitude (13.5) degree North and Longitude (88.9) degree East, Centre pressure of depression is (1002) hPa and maximum wind speed near the center is (40) miles per hour at (10:30)hrs M.S.T today.

During next (24)hrs Forecast

It is forecast to move West-Northwestwards and it may further intensify into a Severe Cyclonic Storm during next (24) hours.

General caution

Due to the Cyclonic Storm, rain or thundershowers will be scattered to fairly widespread in Naypyitaw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyarwady and Taninthayi Regions, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States within next (36) hours commencing afternoon today.

Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) m.p.h. Wave height will be about (8 - 10) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

People should be aware of trawlers, vessels and ships off and along Myanmar Coasts.

World leaders mark 100 years since WWI Armistice in Paris

PARIS (France) — World leaders gathered in Paris will lead global commemorations on Sunday to mark 100 years since the end of World War I at a time of growing nationalism and diplomatic tensions.

Around 70 leaders including US and Russian Presidents Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin will mark the centenary of the 1918 Armistice in the French capital.

Ceremonies in New Zealand and Australia marked the start of the 11 November memorial events across the world, and huge crowds paid tribute to the more than 80,000 servicemen and women who gave their lives in the Great War.

“For our tomorrows, they gave their today,” Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison told people gathered at the Remembrance Day national ceremony in Canberra.

The Paris commemorations, centred on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier beneath the Arc de Triomphe, are set to feature warnings about the modern-day danger of nationalism.

“This day is not just about remembering, but should be about a call to action,” German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Saturday after visiting the forest clearing in eastern France where the Armistice was signed.

Merkel will give the opening address alongside UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres at a conference called the Paris Peace Forum which will take place after a memorial service on the Champs-Élysées on Sunday morning.



Heads of State and Government attend a ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris on 11 November, 2018 as part of commemorations marking the 100th anniversary of the 11 November 1918 armistice, ending World War I. **PHOTO: AFP**

Conceived by French President Emmanuel Macron, the Forum is intended to highlight the importance of international institutions in helping resolve conflicts, avert wars and spread prosperity.

British Prime Minister Theresa May and Queen Elizabeth will attend a separate event in London.

Tensions lurk

Despite the show of unity at the Arc de Triomphe, where school children will read out messages written by soldiers in eight languages, tensions are expected to lurk beneath the surface.

US President Donald Trump, whose hardline nationalism has badly shaken the Western alliance, arrived in

Paris on Friday criticising host Macron for being “insulting.”

Trump took umbrage at a recent interview in which Macron talked about the need for a European army and listed the US along with Russia and China as a threat to national security.

The “America First” leader, who faced criticism on Saturday for cancelling a trip to an American cemetery because of the rainy weather, will snub the Paris Peace Forum.

Other attendees of the memorial service and Forum include Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Canadian premier Justin Trudeau and Israel’s Benjamin Netanyahu, as well as Putin.

With far-right nationalist politicians coming to power from Brazil to Italy to Austria, 40-year-old centrist Macron is set to invoke the war to make the case for international cooperation.

“We want to make these commemorations a time to reflect on the present, not just the past, so that they have a meaning for us today,” an aide to Macron said earlier this week.

He will deliver a short speech during Sunday’s ceremony, which organizers have made deliberately international and cross-cultural.

The French-born Chinese-American cellist Yo-yo Ma will perform, as will West African singer Angelique Kidjo, and a European youth orchestra with a Russian conductor.

Some 10,000 police have been drafted in to ensure maximum security in a city repeatedly targeted by jihadists since 2015.

Macron is also set to speak later at UN cultural body UNESCO and at the Peace Forum.

The Forum is part of the “fightback” against nationalism worldwide, chief organiser Justin Vaisse told AFP as he played down the significance of Trump’s decision not to attend.

“The aim of the forum is to show that there are lots of forces in the international system — states, NGOs, foundations, intellectuals, companies — who believe we need a world of rules, an open world and a multilateral world,” he said.

Other ceremonies

About 70 current-day nations were involved in the conflict that had six empires and colonial powers at its heart: Austria-Hungary, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the Ottoman Empire.

Around 10 million soldiers are generally estimated to have been killed during the fighting and more than double that number wounded overall.

Between five and 10 million civilians are estimated to have been killed.

In Britain, church bells are set to ring out across the country at 11 am, at the same time as a national remembrance service at the Cenotaph in London. —AFP ■

News in Brief

Florida orders recount in Senate, governor races

MIAMI (United States) — Florida authorities on Saturday ordered a recount in the contentious races for US Senate and governor, amid tit-for-tat accusations of fraud from the candidates — plunging the state once again into election uncertainty.

Eighteen years after the Sunshine State found itself at the heart of a battle for the US presidency, it was once again in the spotlight after Tuesday’s vote, which left the contests for statewide offices undecided.

Florida’s 67 counties had been given until midday (1700 GMT) on Saturday to submit unofficial totals. State law triggers a machine recount if the difference in a race is within 0.5 per cent. —AFP ■

Turkey gives US, other nations Khashoggi killing-related recordings

ISTANBUL — Turkey has provided recordings related to the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi to the United States, Britain, France and Germany, the country’s Anadolu Agency and other media reported on Saturday.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told reporters before departing for Paris to attend World War I commemorations that the recordings were also given to Saudi Arabia, but did not elaborate on contents of the recordings, the reports said.

The Saudi government initially asserted Khashoggi had left the consulate alive on 2 October, but later said a group of rogue operators killed him that day. —Kyodo News ■

Police stop protesters approaching Trump motorcade in Paris

PARIS (France) — French police stopped two topless protesters who approached the motorcade of US President Donald Trump as he made his way up the Champs-Élysées to a ceremony marking 100 years since the end of World War One.

One of the protesters got within metres of the rear of the motorcade before being grabbed by a police officer, while a second could be seen being hauled away by security services on the edge of the famous avenue, live television pictures showed. —AFP ■



Saint-Cyr students (c) pose with West Point students ahead of a ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris on 11 November, 2018 as part of commemorations marking the 100th anniversary of the 11 November 1918 armistice, ending World War I. **PHOTO: AFP**



BESTOWAL OF EXTRAORDINARY HONOURS

We are filled with profound Delight and Pride to congratulate
the **FIRST NATIONAL INSURANCE PUBLIC CO., LTD.**

a member unit of the HTOO Conglomerate on becoming

the ***First Ever Insurance Company***

of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

to be awarded the

ISO 9001:2015 (Provision of Life and Non-Life Insurance) certificate.

We most sincerely wish the same to be crowned
with unparalleled success in protecting and looking after
the insuring public.





Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US Vice President Mike Pence. PHOTO: PTI

Singapore summit: Pence and Modi to discuss bilateral, defence cooperation, says WH

WASHINGTON—US Vice President Mike Pence and Prime Minister Narendra Modi would discuss India-US defence cooperation and bilateral relationship during their meeting in Singapore next week, the White House said on Saturday, asserting that “sky is the limit” for New Delhi’s role in the Indo-Pacific region.

“They would be talking about the bilateral relationship and a defence cooperation in the kind of larger context. I can’t really say if they’ll get into trade (ties) specifically at this time,” a senior administration official told foreign journalists during a conference call Saturday. Modi and Pence are scheduled to meet during the ASEAN and East Asia Summit in Singapore next week. Pence leaves on a four-nation Asia trip

over the weekend, that would take him to Japan, Australia, Singapore and Papua New Guinea.

He will be representing President Donald Trump at the ASEAN and East Asia Summit in Singapore and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting in Papua New Guinea.

Responding to a question, the official said the two leaders would be talking about “a common vision” for maintaining what the US refers to a free and open Indo-Pacific as India has talked about the Act East policy and their “enormous convergence” in these two approaches.

In some respect, these are different names for common approach and talking about some of those common principles that “we share, seeks to promote and

sustain including a freedom of navigation and overflight, sustainable development for the region; the importance of ASEAN and the role that they play, as well as a major democracy in the region that we have very good relations in common with like Japan,” the senior administration official said. “Really the role for India (in Indo-Pacific region), the sky’s the limit,” he said, when asked about what role the US sees for India in the region and President Trump’s Indo-Pacific policy.

Noting that India is “such a huge component” of the Indo-Pacific region, the official said, “It is the second largest population, the world’s largest democracy, while the United States is the world’s second largest democracy.”—PTI ■

Australia terror attacker ‘inspired by Islamic State’

SYDNEY (Australia)—A Somali-born Australian who went on a deadly knife rampage in the country’s second-largest city Melbourne was inspired by Islamic State but did not have a direct link to the jihadist group, the government said on Sunday.

Hassan Khalif Shire Ali stabbed to death well-known local cafe co-owner Sisto Malaspina and injured two other men in Bourke Street in the heart of Melbourne on Friday afternoon before he was shot and killed by police. The 30-year-old had gone to the bustling city in a utility vehicle filled with gas cylinders

before setting it alight. Islamic State (IS) said via its propaganda arm that Shire Ali was an “Islamic State fighter and carried out the operation”, but provided no evidence to back its claim.

“In relation to his connections with ISIL (another name for IS) or with any terrorist group... there’s not, as I’m advised, a membership of an organisation or a definite link to ISIL,” Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton told reporters in Brisbane.

“The working theory is at the moment a case where this person has been downloading information or receiving messages

in his own mind about what he should be doing. It’s inspired as opposed to affiliation or membership.” Shire Ali, known to the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), had his passport revoked in 2015 on fears he was trying to travel to Syria to join IS. But he was also assessed by authorities as not being a domestic threat. Dutton defended the actions of ASIO, saying they had more than 400 investigations and people of interest to monitor. “Police did not have intelligence in relation to this person that he was about to commit an act,” he added.—AFP ■

Woman arrested over Australia strawberry needle scare

SYDNEY (Australia)—A woman has been arrested after a “complex” investigation into an Australian strawberry scare where needles were found stuck into the fruit, police said on Sunday, in a crisis that sparked nationwide panic.

Queensland state authorities offered a large reward and the national government raised jail terms for such crimes after sewing needles were found in plastic boxes of the fruit sold in supermarkets in September.

Since the first case came to light when a man was taken to hospital with stomach pains after consuming strawberries, more than 100 alleged incidents of pins and needles found in fruit, mostly strawberries, were reported in September around the country.

One incident was also reported in neighbouring New Zealand. Police said a 50-year-old woman

was arrested on Sunday afternoon “following a complex... and extensive investigation” into the contamination case. “The (Queensland Police Service) co-ordinated a national investigative response with multiple government, law enforcement and intelligence agencies,” they added in a statement. The woman was set to be charged Sunday evening and appear in court in Brisbane on Monday. Police did not reveal any further details, including what the charges would be or the reasons and motives behind her alleged involvement.

The sabotage crisis led supermarkets to pull the fruit from the shelves and saw farmers dump tonnes of the unwanted berry. The government raised the maximum prison sentence for fruit tampering from 10 to 15 years.—AFP ■

Japan, US to help Pacific island nations counter illegal fishing



A Japan Coast Guard vessel and helicopter conduct a rescue drill at a port in Yokkaichi, Mie Prefecture, central Japan on 3 November, 2018, based on the assumption that a massive earthquake originating in the Nankai Trough in the Pacific hit the region. PHOTO: Kyodo News

TOKYO—Japan and the United States plan to jointly offer training to maritime authorities of Pacific island nations to help them better crack down on illegal fishing within their exclusive economic zones, a Japanese government source said on Saturday. During a roughly three-week program in Japan, officials from 12 nations, including Palau, the Marshall Islands, and Micronesia will learn how the Japan Coast Guard conducts policing and visit related facilities, according to the source.

When Japan hosted a summit of Pacific island nations in Fukushima Prefecture in May, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said

Tokyo was willing to assist them in beefing up maritime capability as illegal fishing by foreign ships in their EEZs was on the rise.

The training program from 25 November, which will include some US experts, is part of that initiative. Protecting maritime resources is a major challenge for Pacific island nations with EEZs far greater in size than their land. Foreign ships from such countries as China and the Philippines have been spotted fishing illegally.

Japan, also an island nation, has dispatched Japan Coast Guard officials to some Pacific Island nations for assistance.—Kyodo News ■



A deer looks on from a burned residence after the Camp fire tore through the area in Paradise, California on 10 November, 2018. **PHOTO: AFP**

California fire death toll rises to 23

PARADISE (California) — The death toll from the most destructive fire to hit California rose to 23 on Saturday as rescue workers recovered more bodies of people killed by the devastating blaze.

Firefighters are battling raging fires at both ends of the state, but there is little hope of containing the flames anytime soon.

“Today, 14 additional bodies were located, which brings our total number to 23,” Sheriff Kory Honea told a news conference.

Ten of the bodies were found in the town of Paradise while four were discovered in the Concow area, both in Butte County, Honea said.

Rescuers could be seen removing remains over a period of several hours in Paradise and placing them in a black hearse. Pieces of bodies were transported by bucket, while intact remains were carried in body bags.

So far, a total of 19 of the people killed in what authorities have dubbed the “Camp Fire” have been reported in Paradise, where more than 6,700 buildings — most of them residence-

es — have been consumed by the late-season inferno.

From miles around, acrid smoke could be seen in the sky around Paradise, the sun barely visible. On the ground, cars were reduced to metal carcasses, while power lines were also gnawed by the flames.

Locals fled the danger, but police told AFP some farmers returned to check on their cattle.

“The magnitude of destruction we have seen is really unbelievable and heartbreaking, and our hearts go to everybody who has been affected by this,” said Mark Ghilarducci, the director of the California Office of Emergency Services. Governor-elect Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency to provide assistance to the hardest-hit areas in the fire-prone state.

The fast-moving Camp Fire blaze in the north broke out early Thursday.

Fanned by strong winds, it has so far scorched 100,000 acres (40,500 hectares) and is 20 per cent contained, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) said on Saturday. So

far, three of the more than 3,200 firefighters deployed have been injured.

They estimate they will need three weeks to fully contain the blaze.

Local power authorities have told state officials an outage occurred near the spot where the fire erupted, The Sacramento Bee reported, but there is still no official cause of the Camp Fire blaze.

Trump, who was in France for World War I commemorations, drew criticism online for his somewhat unsympathetic reaction to the devastation earlier on Saturday.

“There is no reason for these massive, deadly and costly forest fires in California except that forest management is so poor,” Trump tweeted.

“Billions of dollars are given each year, with so many lives lost, all because of gross mismanagement of the forests. Remedy now, or no more Fed payments!” —AFP ■

Lions suspected in drowning of 400 buffaloes in Botswana

GABORONE (Botswana) — More than 400 buffaloes believed to have been chased by lions drowned in a river in northern Botswana this week, the government said.

The mass drowning occurred in Chobe River near the border with Namibia.

Early investigations by authorities in both countries

“suggest that an exceptionally large buffalo herd was grazing in Namibia when they stampeded into the Chobe River,” Botswana’s Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism said in a statement late Wednesday.

“Initial indications are that they were being chased by a pride of lions,” the min-

istry said. “It is estimated that more than 400 animals drowned due to the massive movement of buffalo trampling, and falling from steep river banks.”

Mass drownings are not uncommon, the ministry added. Namibian media reported that the incident occurred on Tuesday night. —AFP ■



A herd of wild buffaloes roam a game reserve in the Chobe district of northern Botswana in September 2018. **PHOTO: AFP**

Snow to hit parts of northwest China, smog to hit north

BEIJING — Parts of northwest China will be swept by snow, and Beijing and neighboring areas are expected to see smog in the coming week, the country’s top observatory said on Sunday.

The National Meteorological Center (NMC) forecasts mild to moderate snow in the northern part of Xinjiang Uygur Auton-

omous Region, with some mountain areas hit by heavy snow from Sunday to Monday.

A strong cold front will arrive at Xinjiang from Monday, bringing strong winds and causing the temperatures to drop by 6 to 8 degrees Celsius, the NMC said.

Smog will envelop Beijing and surrounding

regions from Sunday to Wednesday and gradually weaken due to rainfall and a cold front from late Wednesday to Thursday, according to the NMC.

Rain will be seen in parts of southern China including Jiangxi Province and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the center added. —Xinhua ■

INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited by Department of Medical Services, Ministry of Health and Sports for the supply of Medical Equipments in the (2018-2019) Budget year.

Tender documents are available during office hours at the Procurement and Supplying Division, Department of Medical Services office No (4), Ministry of Health and Sports Commencing from (19.11.2018).

Sealed bids are to be submitted to the office, not later than (20-12-2018), 15:00 hour, after which no bid will be accepted. No telegraph/telex proposal will be accepted.

For detail information please contact the Phone No. 067-3411510, 067-3411544, Procurement and Supply Division Office, Department of Medical Services, Ministry of Health and Sports.
Procurement and Supply Division
Ministry of Health and Sports

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V KUO HSIUNG VOY. NO. (1093 S/N)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V KUO HSIUNG VOY. NO. (1093 S/N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12-11-2018 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA
SHIPPING LINE**

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V TOVE MAERSK VOY. NO. (1831-1832)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V TOVE MAERSK VOY. NO. (1831-1832) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12-11-2018 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T/M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MCC TRANSPORT
(S'PORE) PTE LTD**

Phone No: 2301185

Spice Girls add new tour dates as fans snap up tickets

LONDON (United Kingdom)—Best-selling 90s girl band the Spice Girls added extra dates to their UK tour on Saturday after fans from around the world raced to buy tickets when they went on sale.

The band—minus “Posh Spice” Victoria Beckham, now a fashion designer—originally announced six dates in 2019, including a finale at Wembley

Stadium in London.

But after a flood of interest when tickets went on sale online, they added several more dates, including more at Wembley, Britain’s biggest venue.

“Thank you everyone for such an amazing reaction, so excited to see you,” the official @SpiceGirls twitter account said.

On social media, many

fans shared their joy at being able to see once again a band they loved in childhood, with one typical Twitter user posting: “My 12-year-old self is freaking out.”

But others expressed frustration after spending hours online without getting through, and at seeing tickets at inflated prices swiftly appear on resale sites.



Spice Girls perform during the closing ceremony of the 2012 London Olympic Games at the Olympic stadium in London on 12 August, 2012. Rio de Janeiro will host the 2016 Olympic Games. Say You’ll Be There: Best-selling 90s girl band the Spice Girls promise to give fans what they really, really want on a UK reunion tour in 2019. The band—minus pop star-turned-fashion designer Victoria Beckham—released details of a comeback tour, which will see them play Wembley Stadium, Britain’s biggest venue. **PHOTO: AFP**



Members of the British pop girl group Spice Girls (From l-r) Melanie Brown, Geri Halliwell, Emma Bunton and Melanie Chisholm pose for pictures on the red carpet as they arrive for the premiere of the Spice Girls musical “Viva Forever” in central London on 11 December, 2012. **PHOTO: AFP**

The Spice Girls stormed to worldwide fame in 1996 after the release of their first single “Wannabe”, spreading their message of girl power. They went on to sell 85 million albums worldwide.

Only two of their 11 singles failed to reach number one on the British charts, while

their first three singles all hit the US top five. The five-piece split in 2000 but reunited for a world tour in 2007. They got together again to perform at the London 2012 Olympics closing ceremony and also collaborated then for the launch of the Spice Girls musical “Viva Forever!”.—AFP ■

Chinese artist’s cello concerto to make US premiere

NEW YORK—Renowned Chinese artist Tan Dun’s Cello Concerto: Intercourse of Fire and Water will make its US premiere at Lincoln Center’s Frederick P Rose Hall in New York City on Sunday.

The works of the Grammy and Academy Award-winning composer and conductor will be performed by Chinese soloist Jing Zhao when The Orchestra Now, conducted by Tan, begins its third Rose Theater season at Jazz on Sunday. The concert also includes another Tan Dun work: Passacaglia: Secret of Wind and Birds, commissioned by Carnegie Hall in 2015 for the National Youth Orchestra of the United States. The music draws on forms from East and West, ancient and modern, and incorporates birdsong produced by smartphone.

The orchestra is a group of more than 60 vibrant young musicians from countries including the United States and China, who share a mission to make orchestral music relevant to 21st-century audiences. It was founded by conductor, educator, and music historian Leon Botstein in 2015 as a master’s degree program at the Bard College in New York.—Xinhua ■

“Disney+” service a year away from streaming shows

SAN FRANCISCO (United States)—The Walt Disney Company will launch a “Disney+” streaming service in the United States late next year, boosting it with live-action shows spun from hit “Star Wars” and Marvel hero films. Disney chief executive Bob Iger revealed the name of the previously announced streaming service during a quarterly earn-

ings call on Thursday, promising an impressive slate of films and series.

Plans for the service come as traditional television and film studios strive to adapt to a trend of people turning to streaming services such as Netflix and Amazon Prime to watch shows on-demand from internet-linked devices of their choice.—AFP ■

Elvis, Babe Ruth, Scalia to receive US Presidential Medal of Freedom

WASHINGTON—Music legend Elvis Presley, baseball great Babe Ruth and late Supreme Court justice Antonin Scalia are among seven people who will be honoured with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the White House said on Saturday.

The award is the country’s highest civilian honor, and recognizes “meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors,” the White House said in a statement. Three of this year’s recipients will receive the award posthumously—Presley, Ruth and Scalia.

The other honorees are; longtime Republican Senator Orrin Hatch; philanthropist and heavyweight political donor Miriam Adelson, the wife of billionaire casino mogul Sheldon Adelson; and two NFL Hall of Famers: quarterback Roger Staubach and defensive tackle Alan Page, who went on to serve as a state supreme court justice in Minnesota.

The medals will be handed out in a ceremony at the White House on 16 November.—AFP ■



Rock’n roll legend Elvis Presley shows his sergeant insignia on 14 February, 1960 in Friedberg, Germany, during his military service. Elvis spent 17 months in Friedberg, Germany, between October 1958 and March 1960 as a GI. Elvis Aaron Presley was born on 8 January, 1935 in Tupelo, Mississippi and was found dead on 16 August 1977 from a drug-induced heart attack in his bathroom at Graceland, a colonial estate in Memphis, Tennessee. **PHOTO: AFP**

Cat mummies, animal statues discovered in Egypt sarcophagi

CAIRO (Egypt) — Seven sarcophagi, some dating back more than 6,000 years, have been discovered at a site on the edge of the pyramid complex in Saqqara, south of the Egyptian capital, archaeology officials announced on Saturday.

Antiquities Minister Khaled el-Enany said the dis-

covery was made by an Egyptian archaeological mission during excavation work started in April.

Three of the tombs had been used for cats, he said, while one of four other sarcophagi discovered at the site belonged to Khufu-Imhat, overseer of the buildings in the roy-

al palace.

Mostafa Waziri, head of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, said the mission had also unearthed the first mummies of scarabs to be found in the area.

Two such mummies were found inside a rectangular limestone sarcophagus with a vaulted lid decorated with three scarabs painted in black, he said.

Dozens of cat mummies were also unearthed along with 100 wooden, gilded statues of cats and one in bronze dedicated to the cat goddess Bastet.

Cats held a special place in Ancient Egypt and were mummified as religious offerings.

A collection of wooden gilded statues of a lion, a cow and a falcon was also unearthed at the Saqqara site.

The antiquities department said wooden sarcophagi of cobras with mummies inside them were also discovered along with two wooden sarcophagi of crocodiles. —AFP ■



Diplomats and other viewers look at monuments displayed during a new discovery made by an Egyptian archaeological mission through excavation work at an area located on the stony edge of King Userkaf pyramid complex in Saqqara Necropolis, south of the capital Cairo, on 10 November, 2018. **PHOTO: AFP**

Russian hi-tech hub creates 'breakthrough' composite material for space industry

MOSCOW — Specialists of the Reshetnev Information Satellite Systems Company and scientists of the Skolkovo Science and Technology Institute (Skoltech) have developed a new technology of making composite materials that will allow designing light and firm panels for the space industry, the Skoltech press office reported on Friday.

"The joint experimental design work carried out by specialists of Skoltech and Information Satellite Systems has yielded a new technology of making a composite material - the honeycomb core made of aluminum foil. Honeycomb cored panels are widely used in space vehicles, aircraft and ship-building, the furniture, automobile and other industries," the Skoltech press office said in a statement.

The work on making the composite material using the new technology was carried out on order from Russia's State Space Agency Roscosmos.

The honeycomb core made

of aluminum foil is referred to the category of composite materials that are very firm and light at the same time: the foil is just 23 micrometers thick while the honeycomb cell edge is 2.5 mm long. Skoltech engineers have developed equipment for making this honeycomb filler using laser technologies, the vision processing technology and modern automated systems. Overall, two types of the honeycomb filler have been developed under the project: for flat panels and for curvilinear (cylindrical, parabolic and other) load-carrying structures.

"The technical concept that has been developed and implemented is universal as it allows obtaining various types of the filler using the same equipment: with a flexible and hexagonal shape of the honeycomb cell [for curvilinear and flat structures, respectively]. In actual fact, the production of a new material has been created today, which opens new possibilities for implementing designers' ideas for designing

light and firm structures with the surface of the curve of the second order," the statement says.

The conveyor for producing aluminum honeycombs has been launched at the Applied Mechanics Small Design Bureau (part of the Reshetnev Information Satellite Systems Company). Its production capacities will eventually suffice both to meet the Company's requirements and provide other Roscosmos organizations with the high-quality material.

"A possibility is being considered to deliver the honeycomb filler with altered characteristics to aircraft- and ship-building and construction organizations. But in this case, it will be necessary to develop a new production line and for this purpose we count on further cooperation with Skoltech," Applied Mechanics Small Design Bureau Deputy Director for Development Pavel Goshkovsky was quoted by the Skoltech press office as saying. —Tass ■

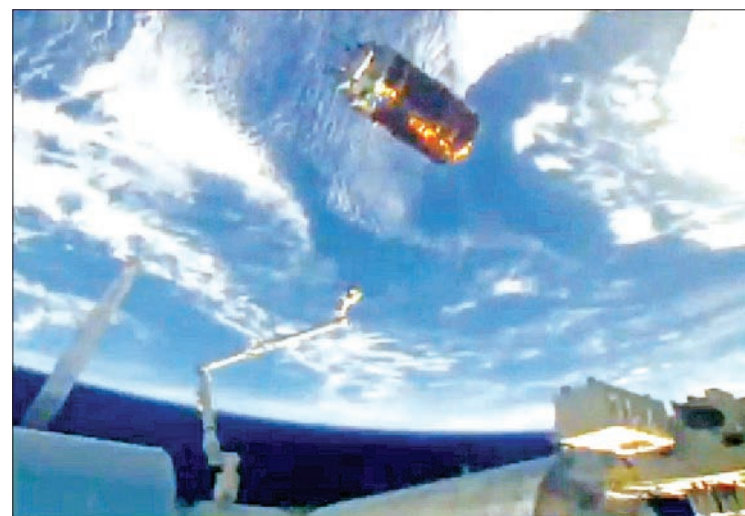


Photo shows the Kounotori7 unmanned cargo transporter (top) departing the International Space Station. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

Capsule returns to Earth in milestone for Japanese space missions

TOKYO — A capsule ejected from a space cargo vessel returned to Earth on Sunday, bringing back experiment samples from the International Space Station in the first such mission for Japan.

The Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency said the capsule, measuring 84 centimetres in width and 66 cm in height, made a parachute-assisted splashdown in the Pacific near Japan's far-east Minamitori Island early in the morning and was retrieved later in the day.

The capsule contains protein crystals grown in experiments conducted on the ISS that JAXA says will be analyzed for medical purposes.

High-quality protein crystals obtained without being influenced

by gravity will be helpful in exploring the causes of some diseases and developing medicines to cure them, according to the agency.

The samples will be transported on Tuesday to JAXA's Tsukuba space center in Ibaraki Prefecture, northeast of Tokyo, where they will be checked over the next few weeks.

In September, Japan's cargo vessel Kounotori7 was launched on an H-2B rocket, delivering the capsule and other supplies to the ISS.

The vessel departed from the space station on Thursday and released the capsule on Sunday morning before burning up with waste from the ISS when re-entering the Earth's atmosphere, JAXA said. —Kyodo News ■

Managing cholesterol, triglycerides may reduce Alzheimer's risk: study

CHICAGO — Studying DNA from more than 1.5 million people, an international team of researchers has identified points of DNA that increase the risk of cardiovascular disease and also heighten the risk for Alzheimer's disease.

The researchers, from Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis and the University of California in San Francisco, looked at the differences in the DNA of people with factors that contribute to heart disease or Alzheimer's disease and identified 90 points across the genome that were associated with risk for both diseases.

Their analysis confirmed that six of the 90 regions had

very strong effects on Alzheimer's and heightened blood lipid levels, including several within genes that had not previously been linked to dementia risk. These included several points within the CELF1/MTCH2/SPI1 region on chromosome 11 that previously had been linked to the immune system.

The researchers confirmed their most promising findings in a large genetic study of healthy adults by showing that these same risk factors were more common in people with a family history of Alzheimer's, even though they had not themselves developed dementia or other symptoms such as memory loss. —Xinhua ■

Tokyo Olympics women's qualifiers: Nepal held to 1-1 draw by Myanmar

THE Myanmar women's national football team ended its second match of Round-1 Qualifiers for the Women's Olympic Football Tournament Tokyo 2020 with a 1-1 draw against the Nepal team, at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday. Myanmar lined up with Goalkeeper Zar Zar Myint, Ei Yadanar Phyo, Khin Than Wai, Khaing Thazin, Wai Wai Aung, Win Theingi Tun, Khin Mo Mo Tun, Captain Khin Malar Tun, Khin Moe Wai, Nu Nu, and May Sabi Phoo. Both teams competed well in the first half, with speedy play and spirited counter-attacking.

Nepal, the visiting team, made the opening goal at the 3-minute mark on a penalty shot.

The penalty shot was scored successfully by Sabitra Bandari.

After giving up the opening

goal, Myanmar doubled its attack and was rewarded with an equalizer at 13 minutes, scored by Myanmar star Khin Moe Wai.

The remaining minutes of the first half expired after cautious play by both teams.

Both teams made substitutions and changed tactics in the second half, resulting in more action on the field and an increase in scoring chances.

Myanmar got several opportunities to score, but lost out due to some postponements by the strikers. With both teams motivated to score and emerge victorious, the latter part of the match was thrilling, with Myanmar and Nepal both creating scoring opportunities.

However, neither team managed to score, and the match ended 1-1.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■



Myanmar(white) player vies for the ball with Nepal (red) player in a second match of Round-1 qualifiers for Tokyo Olympic at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO:MFF**



Mohamed Salah scored his sixth league goal this term as Liverpool deepened Fulham's gloom. **PHOTO: AFP**

Liverpool continue title push against fading Fulham

LIVERPOOL — Liverpool returned to the top of the Premier League table — temporarily at least — with a 2-0 win at home to basement club Fulham at Anfield on Sunday. Jurgen Klopp's side continued their unbeaten start to the Premier League season as Mohamed Salah's eighth goal this term and a second from the recalled Xherdan Shaqiri helped them equal their best start to a campaign.

While the scoreline suggested a comfortable victory, the game appeared to turn on a controversial decision five minutes before half-time.

Fulham captain Tom Cairney's curling cross was headed home by Serbian striker Aleksandar Mitrovic but the linesman's

flag was up for offside.

Liverpool goalkeeper Alisson quickly passed the ball to Trent Alexander-Arnold whose perfect pass released Salah to put the ball in the Fulham net seconds after the visitors' thought they had taken the lead.

Fulham's sense of injustice will only have been heightened when replays suggested Mitrovic's effort could well have been allowed to stand, with the London club seemingly on the wrong end of the kind of decision that so often goes against teams at the bottom of the table.

Liverpool, however, might suggest they were due some luck after an incorrect flag had denied them a possible victory over Arsenal a week earlier.—AFP ■

Second Yangon 100PLUS Active Run to be held on 2 December

WITH the support of Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) and the Ministry of Health and Sports, 100PLUS is going to host the Second Yangon 100PLUS Active Run marathon event in Yangon on 2 December.

The Second Yangon 100PLUS Active Run marathon event will feature two different categories—10km Challenge and 3.5km Fun Run/Walk. The First Yangon 100PLUS Active Run marathon event saw 5,000 runners participating in both categories. The 100PLUS has continued to support the growth of the local running community and to promote the importance of healthy lifestyle to people in the country. This year, 100PLUS is challenging runners to achieve their personal

best times by training well and remembering the importance of hydration.

"We received positive feedback from many of our runners after the first Yangon 100PLUS Active Run last year and we're excited to be bringing the running community together again for our second marathon event in Yangon! We hope to make the Yangon 100PLUS Active Run one of the country's most recognised and anticipated annual sporting events, bringing together runners, supporters, volunteers, corporates and the community. This year, we wish to challenge our participants to prepare for their races well and to achieve their personal best times. We are also going to contribute part

of the ticket sales to the Yankin Children Hospital, to do our part to support those in need", said Mr. Freddy Oh, Country Manager of F&N Myanmar.

The participating tickets are now available at the Customer Service Counters of City Mart, Market Place and Ocean supermarkets until 25 November and tickets are priced K 10,000 for both the 10km and 3.5km categories. 100PLUS will donate MMK 2,000 from each ticket sale to the Yankin Children Hospital. The prizes will go to the first three male and female finishers of the 10km Challenge. The first prize will be K 1 million, the second K 800,000 and the third K 500,000. —Htut Htut (Twantay) ■

MFF sidelines two players from Myanmar national men's squad

TWO players—defender Htike Htike Aung and midfielder Myo Ko Tun were ruled out from Myanmar national men's football squad, said a source of Myanmar Football Federation (MFF).

Defender Htike Htike Aung is sustaining an injury to his

thigh. Midfielder Myo Ko Tun has an injury to his knee. These two players were decided not to be inserted into a lineup for AFF Suzuki Cup 2018 and they will be out of action. Following the Qatar friendly tour, the pair was sent back to their mother clubs.

Myanmar national men's football squad arrived back Yangon from Qatar on 5 November. Myanmar national men's football squad will play a home match against Cambodia in Mandalay Thiri Stadium in Mandalay on 12 November. —Htut Htut (Twantay) ■